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1. PROSPECTS FOR APPROVAL OF U.S.-HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT
BEFORE JULY 15 ARE UNCERTAIN. AS YOU KNOW, HOUSE PASSED
AGREEMENT MAY 22 BY VOTE OF 209-173. AGREEMENT WILL NOT
BE REPORTED OUT OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNTIL
AFTER JUNE 5. WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME
WHETHER FULL SENATE WILL VOTE BY MID-JULY, BUT IT LOOKS
POSITIVE.

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2. THOUGH THE TIMING OF VOTE ON TRADE AGREEMENT IS STILL
IN DOUBT, WASHINGTON AGENCIES NOW PREPARING NTM REQUESTS
FOR HUNGARY. WE WILL PROVIDE LIST OF OUR NTM REQUESTS TO
MTN DEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE U.S. CANNOT NEGOTIATE TARIFF CUTS WITH HUNGARY IN

GATT BODIES ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN THE MTN,
BECAUSE TO DO SO MIGHT LEGALLY IMPAIR OUR INVOCATION OF
ARTICLE XXXV. WE MUST CONTINUE OUR INVOCATION OF ARTICLE
XXXV BECAUSE TITLE IV OF THE TRADE ACT DOES NOT PERMIT
US TO ENTER INTO FULL GATT RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY.

HOWEVER, WITHOUT IMPAIRING ARTICLE XXXV, WE CAN
NEGOTIATE TARIFF CUTS BILATERALLY ONCE WE ARE ABLE TO
EXTEND MFN TO HUNGARY. QUESTION OF NEGOTIATING
TARIFFS BILATERALLY WITH HUNGARY IS CURRENTLY BEING
CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON. VANCE

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